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In re Application of  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed August 28, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed December 5, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 have been obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on March 6, 2002.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2176 for processing the Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114 filed with the instant petition.

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